

HUDAK WINS THE TURBO DRIVE TO BOWL HOLIDAY CLASSIC!

Philipp Hudak of Columbia, SC bowling in his first Laneshark tour event took home the Turbo Driven To Bowl Holiday Classic! We had a nice field of 36 of the top regional pros and local scratch amateur bowlers from North and South Carolina. We were bowling on the Kegel Challenge Series pattern – Broadway with a 2 foot extension. This pattern usually results in high scores and our field was able to put the highest scores of the 2009-2010 season.

Brian Osteen from Spartanburg, SC led all qualifiers by posting a score of 1265 for 5 games. The cut to make match play was 1124 for 5 games. We had 36 total entries and 3 free entries resulting in 33 paid entries so we cut to the top 8 bowlers. During the round of 8, Osteen locked horns with the #8 seed, Guppy Troup from Taylorsville, NC. This match was a nail bitter going down to the final shot. Osteen needed to double in the tenth, he struck on the first ball, but was unable to convert on the second shot leaving a blower 7 pin which sent Troup to the round of 4 with a 235 – 234 victory.

#2 seed, Philipp Hudak took on the #7 seed, Tom Baker from King, NC. Hudak beat Baker 214-169 to advance to the next round. #3 seed, Paul Hudak also from Columbia, SC battled #6 seed, Ricky Jewell from Greenville, SC. This was Ricky's first Laneshark tour event since his knee surgery earlier this year. It's good to see you back on the lanes Ricky. Hudak won the match easily 223-195.

The #4 seed, Mike Albert from Shallotte, NC making back to back match play appearances took on the #5 seed, Charlie Tomey from Spartanburg, SC. This was Tomey's second match play appearance of the season. Albert won the match 223-181.

During the final four round, the matches began to build drama. We had the Hudak brothers, Philipp and Paul, battling for a spot in the finals and the other match featured a former touring pro veteran, Guppy Troup and Mike Albert attempting to make his mark on the Laneshark tour. Philipp Hudak was able to hold off his brother in a very closely fought match 226-218. In the other semi-final, Troup stuck once and got an 8 spare in the tenth frame to force Albert to double for the win. Albert got the first hit, but not the second. Troup won another one pin wonder 214-213.

Troup had his best Houdini act going on this day, but it turned out to be short-lived. Hudak only needed a good count in the tenth frame to seat the win 208-205 and take home his first Laneshark title.

Laneshark Bowlers Tour would like to thank Bill Martin and his staff at Liberty Lanes for being a great host. We look forward to returning in the future. Laneshark Bowlers Tour is churning out some great competition. If you haven't been out to one of our events, come out and test your skills against some of the best competition in this area.

Our next stop is at Triad Lanes for the Brunswick Winter Classic in Greensboro, NC on January 3rd, 2010. This event will pay \$1,200 to win with a \$100 entry fee. Also this event will be one of the two double points events this season! Don't miss out on all the action! See you at Greensboro!

TOTAL PRIZE FUND \$2,500
\$2,277 prize fund/\$200 added by Turbo Driven to Bowl/\$23 added by LBT

- 1 - \$1,000 Philipp Hudak
- 2 - \$460 Guppy Troup
- 3 - \$250 Paul Hudak
- 4 - \$250 Mike Albert
- 5 - \$135 Brian Osteen
- 6 - \$135 Charlie Tomey
- 7 - \$135 Ricky Jewell
- 8 - \$135 Tom Baker